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** ARGENTINA. Un nuevo sitio con radios argentinas que est·n en Internet: http://www.enlaradio.com.ar/ (Arnaldo Slaen, Galvan 2735, 1.431 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, Jan 11, condig list via DXLD)

** BELARUS. Re 7-004: ``New evening schedule of External Service of Radio Belarus from Jan. 1
1500-1700 on 7360, 7390 in Belarussian
1600-1800 on 7255 in Belarussian (different program \\ on low power frequencies of HS) [so you mean NOT parallel, right? ---gh]``

No, this transmission is not even part of the "External Service of Radio Belarus" which has its Belarusian transmission at 1500-1700 (therefore this broadcast doesn't show up in their online schedule). It is the long-running relay of the domestic service (1st Program), in parallel with other 1st Program SW frequencies, and it includes regional programs as well (each day from another studio, as discussed in earlier issues of DXLD). (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4409.8, Radio Eco, Reyes, Beni, 2353-0050, 06-01, Muy buen programa de canciones bolivianas y latinoamericanas presentadas por locutor, flautas. A las 0000 locutor menciona "Reyes", anuncios comerciales. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5580.43, Radio San JosÈ, San JosÈ de Chiquitos, 2320-2330, January 09, Spanish, romantic songs in, short announcements by male, 24332.

5967.68, Radio Nacional de Huanuni, Huanuni, 1020-1030, January 08, Spanish, national and regional news by male, 23432 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Pessoal, eu estou sintonizando uma emissora em 9050.khz que se identifica como 95FM de MacaÈ/RJ - Gostaria de saber se È uma retransmiss„o pirata ou se essa frequÍncia est· liberada para emissoras comerciais - Como MacaÈ/RJ È ·rea de plataforma de petrÛleo, pode atÈ ser algum tipo de trasmiss„o especial - Tenho sintonizado todos os dias pela manh„, tarde e ‡ noite - Qualquer esclarecimento È bem-vindo - 73 (Paulo Cabral - Degen DE-1103, Antena coaxial loop magnÈtica, loop de ferrite, Vareta de alumÌnio 3 mts p/ ondas longas e Degen longwire, Vila Velha - EspÌrito Santo, Jan 10, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Oi Paulo, vou dar um 'super-chute'. Talvez seja a Petrobr·s ou a Marinha retransmitindo o sinal para as plataformas. Seja para testes

ou para animar o pessoal :) Digo isso porque em 2005 me deparei com situaÁ„o similar: o exÈrcito da Argentina estava retransmitindo em USB (por volta dos 10MHz) a emissora 'La Red 910 kHz' de Buenos Aires para o interior daquele paÌs. Mas... È chute :) AbraÁ„o, (Huelbe Garcia, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 11804.7, R·dio Globo, Rio de Janeiro, 1952-1958, 06-01, locutor, comentarios en portuguÈs, noticias y comentarios de RÌo de Janeiro. A las 1958 se cortÛ repentinamente la transmisiÛn, no volviendo a escucharla. SeÒal fuerte para esta emisora, pero mala modulaciÛn y muy distorsionada, resultando difÌcil entender el comentario. Parece como si estuvieran probando el transmisor. 34333.

15325, Radio Gazeta, S„o Paulo, 0850-0903, 07-01, canciones brasileÒas, comentarios por locutor. En paralelo con 9685. SeÒal dÈbil. 23222 variando a 13221 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I never hear this on 15325 as I tune around, tho have not tried at 0900; supposedly runs 24 hours. WRTH 2007 shows power as only 1 kW; the only other active(?) listed Brazilian above 9 MHz so weak is R. Aparecida on 11855 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Re 7-004: I was about to report it but (mistakenly) I took it for granted: Sunday Dec. 31 was the last time I heard Radio Nacional da AmazÙnia on 11780 around 1600 and went back UT Monday 1st before 0200 to experience the carnival they put on the air on the eve of New Year's Day, just to find there was no party at all. I told myself may be the station gave their personnel that day off to celebrate at home. Now it seems all this silent period was for a faulty transmitter. This "vacational" situation remained all last week long until yesterday Jan. 9 when I heard RNA was back on 11780 at 2200. BTW, no trace of it on 6180, most of all for RHC in our early evenings. And I can confirm they were completely off the air, with all respect to other colleagues' postings, due to the presence of other low power Brazilians visiting my tuner for the season as I have pointed out recently, specially on 11815, 11915 and 11925. 73 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, Jan 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RNA, 11780, was also active Jan 10 at 2231 check with good signal.

Having noticed R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, 11780, coming on around 0645 the night before, I was waiting for it Thu Jan 11, and it did pop on at exactly *0645:00 with music in progress. In the past it has been going much earlier on weekends, and maybe still. WRTH 2007 shows it at 0900-0200. PWBR `2007`, I now see, does show it at 0645 (approx.) until 0230, but 24 hours on UT Sundays; does not show power which WRTH

has at 250 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Oi pessoal, apenas para registrar que a Globo do Rio em 25 metros (freq¸Íncia nominal de 11805) est· com alguma dificuldade tÈcnica nesta tarde de s·bado.

O sinal em 11805 est· chegando bem em Porto Alegre, quase S3-S4 e sem nenhuma interferÍncia. Mas o ·udio est· 'raspado', talvez com excesso de modulaÁ„o, atrapalhando a compreens„o.

Aqui a surpresa, aparentemente o transmissor da Globo est· gerado um esp˙rio em 11995. … um sinal relativamente intenso, S3, mas com 20+ khz de largura (vai de 11975 atÈ 12000)! O ·udio È ainda pior, mais 'raspado' mas ainda assim È possÌvel entender a programaÁ„o e as vinhetas tradicionais da emissora:

Brasil, 11805, 06/01 1825, R Globo. Entrevista sobre pan-americano; ·udio com problemas. 35532

11995, 06/01 1825, R Globo. Entrevista sobre pan-americano; vinhetas; esp˙rio de 11805? sinal se espalhando por 20+Khz, ·udio raspado. S25531. --hg (Huelbe Garcia, Brasil, Jan 6, radioescutas via DXLD)

Ol· Huelbe, TambÈm sintonizei ontem a Globo-Rio em 11990 kHz, com espalhamento de RF e ·udio completamente fora dos padrıes; vc descreveu muito bem a ocorrÍncia. A princÌpio, achei que o frequencÌmetro do receptor estava maluco. Depois de uma checagem em outras frequÍncias, conclui que era a Globo com problema. Observei o "fenÙmeno" por volta das 18 horas. Antes das 19 horas a frequÍncia silenciou. Nenhum sinal de portadora. Era o que eu tinha a acrescentar. 73's (Giuseppe Cysneiros, Jan 7, ibid.)

Eu tambÈm ouvi aqui em Feira de Santana, Bahia na mesma freq¸Íncia (Adriano PY6OF, ibid.)

Globo do Rio neste momento en 11990 est· horÌvel; s„o 05.42 minutos, segunda 08 janeiro 2007 (Adriano Oliveira, PY6OF Feira de Santana Bahia, radioescutas via DXLD) Local times suspected in these (gh)

** BURKINA FASO. RTV Ouagadougou, 5030, form letter in French verifying the April 21 2006 date of my reception. Although the frequency of my reception was not specified, it lists 5030 (0530-0800, 1700-2400 TU) and 7230 (0800-1700 TU). My letter was written in French (with an English version attached), 1 IRC enclosed. This took 8 months. Signed by Pascal GOBA, Chef des Programmes. Handwritten return address: Radio Burkina 03, BP 7029, Ouaga 03, Burkina (Jim Renfrew, Clarendon NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So ``dougou`` and ``Faso`` may be omitted. If only they had been a British colony, they could have saved countless letters and spelt their capital ``Wagadugu``, or, I should say, ``Waga`` (gh, DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. ALEMANIA, 5955 kHz, Dem. Voice of Burma, 05-01-07, 2350-0000 UT. Comentarios con referencias a Myanmar y Singapur, m˙sica y comentaros sobre democracia, en birmano, SINPO 55544. (A las 2358 el SINPO era 35333) (Javier Robledillo JaÈn - Elche (Alicante), EspaÒa, RX: Sangean ATS909, ANT: TelescÛpica. EA5-1028, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** CANADA. Altho still on the CBC online schedule, Dead Dog in the City was missing again for the second week, Wed 8:29 pm local, when checked on webcast from CBZ at 0029 UT Thursday Jan 11. No clues on the show website, nor contact info whereby I may enquire. Let`s hope this does not turn out to be an obit: (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) {also missing again Thursday Jan 11 at 10:44 am local}

Dead Dog in the City --- regularly airs on CBC Radio One Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
http://www.cbc.ca/programguide/program/index.jsp?program=Dead+Dog+in+the+City

There have been some major changes at the Dead Dog CafÈ, and weíre not talking about renovations. The place has been sold, and Gracie has packed up everything and moved to Toronto to team up with a high-powered television executive who wants to produce a cooking show with Gracie as its star.

Tom is appalled by the prospect of losing his favourite cafÈ and more than a bit envious at the prospect of a television show, so he agrees to drive Jasper to Toronto. After all, he has a pickup truck and someone has to peel the vegetables and clean the pots. And, of course, pay for the coffee.

And thereís certainly a great deal to do in the city. Thereís the pirate radio news show (New World News: Yesterdayís News Tomorrow) that Jasper runs for three minutes each week on random days so the CRTC canít triangulate the location. Thereís Rosedale Garbage Day where you never know what the filthy rich will throw out next. Thereís the periodic trips to the Toronto Zoo to see how the animals are doing (are the polar bears really on prozac?).

And then there are the urban denizens who come by the cafÈ for coffee and conversation. For instance, thereís Leon Purchase, the CEO of the Utilitarian Church which ministers to multi-national corporations and who is intent on ìraising profits among youî (can you say 22%?).

The Dead Dog CafÈ. Out of the sticks and into the big city. A new show

with familiar voices. Where the satire is hard. Where no one is safe. Where anything can happen. Where anyone can show up. And where we still donít know exactly what ìStay Calm, Be Brave, Wait for the Signsî really means.

Dead Dog in the City is written by Thomas King and stars Floyd Favel as Jasper Friendly Bear, Edna Rain as Gracie Heavyhand and Tom King as himself. Itís on the Nighttime Review on Wednesdays between 8 and 8:30 pm and on Sounds Like Canada at 10:45 am on Thursdays (CBC via DXLD)

** CANADA. 'LITTLE MOSQUE' DRAWS WHOPPING TWO MILLION VIEWERS FOR PREMIERE EPISODE --- LEE-ANNE GOODMAN
http://www.recorder.ca/cp/Entertainment/070110/e011055A.html

TORONTO (CP) - The premiere of CBC's internationally hyped comedy "Little Mosque on the Prairie" pulled in some 2.1 million viewers, a huge audience for a Canadian show.

By contrast, "Corner Gas," CTV's big sitcom hit and one of the country's highest-rated shows, routinely pulls in close to 1.5 million viewers a week. Initial numbers suggested "Little Mosque" won its time slot, besting a repeat episode on Global of the red-hot U.S. medical drama "House."

"We are thrilled and ecstatic," said Kirstine Layfield, director of network programming for the public broadcaster. "Not only did the number astound us, but the response to the show has been very positive. Three-quarters of the people who phoned in about the show loved it, and the only people who had anything negative to say just didn't like that we ran commercials."

"Little Mosque" has been getting buzz for weeks, with everyone from the BBC to CNN running items on the comedy, the creation of Muslim filmmaker Zarqa Nawaz.

The CBC, struggling terribly in the ratings, had a lot invested in the show and promoted it with uncharacteristic cash and vigour, including an event at downtown Toronto's Dundas Square last week that featured free chicken shawarma and a band of friendly camels.

"I've got to say I didn't expect it to become the global phenomenon that it has become when I started writing it three years ago," a giggling Nawaz said Wednesday after getting word about the ratings. "But the comedy does live up to the hype, and future episodes just get funnier and funnier while at the same time delving into some deeper issues."

The show moves to Mondays at 9 p.m. EST and Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

following its Tuesday night debut this week - the only thing that makes Nawaz nervous that the show could lose viewers. "Our only concern now is that it's moving to a different time slot, and we hope people will find us," she said.

Much of the coverage of "Little Mosque" has focused on the fact that the show is a comedy about Muslims set in a post 9-11 world.
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** CANADA [and non]. KAROL MADERA, VE7KFM - NO PROTECTION UNDER US LAW
A spokesperson for the US government has confirmed that foreign amateur radio stations engaged in threats, obscenity, profanity, indecency, and/or jamming and deliberate interference, have no protection afforded them under US law.

CMSPIRG has learned that when VE7KFM transmits, he invariably engages in one or more of the above activities, therefore, no action will be taken against US licensees who talk over, or who otherwise interfere with VE7KFM's transmissions, provided such transmissions are otherwise legal and properly identified.

VE7KFM is not subject to US rules -- however, neither are VE7KFM's transmissions protected in the United States. The government source went on to say "We wouldn't take action against US licensees anyway, since we've discovered that Karol Madera is neither a credible witness, nor a credible victim."

See http://www.ve7kfm.com for further details (Brian Crow, PA, Jan 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Eastern PEI angry about loss of CFCY

The times are indeed changing. But internet radio would need to be "live and local". Local news, weather, and school cancellations. Still, these folks need to be able to listen on their one plus hour commute to Charlottetown. Also, while they're having breakfast and getting the kids ready for school.

Newcap is as smart as MBS Radio is stupid. If CJFX doesn't step up to the plate, maybe Newcap will put up a wooden mast in Souris, and put one or both of its Charlottetown stations on a 50 watt repeater.

As well, there has been a lot of talk about an FM station in Montague - to serve all of Eastern PEI. Atlantic Broadcasters Ltd. [owners of CJFX] is hungry for a second station, failing in its attempts in New Glasgow NS, trying now for Sydney NS. With some power and height, a chance to pump out C&W to eastern PEI and western Cape Breton while the parent station plays AC/Classic Hits.

And if, not, maybe a bunch of us will put a station on the air! Just don't quit your day job! Brent will have a chuckle over this, but the call sign CIHI is available. Never was much for C&W myself, but I'm a flexible guy - I could learn to like it. PEI has consistently the highest weekly radio listenership in Canada, so it just makes sense (Phil Rafuse, PEI, ABDX via DXLD)

[Later:] It didn't take long, not long at all! Driving to work this morning, CJFX was giving the temperature for East Point PEI and updating road conditions etc. for eastern PEI. Several PEI news items on the 8:00 a.m. news too. CJFX [and arch rivals CIGO and CKEC] are very good at serving tiny rural communities, even when there is little or no advertising payback (Phil Rafuse, PEI, Jan 10, ibid.)

Good for them! The loss of strong AMers in the Maritimes where there's lots of waterpath and stations can be heard well a couple hundred miles away on a basic household set, really has to have an impact, and not a positive one for some of those who live rural. 73 KAZ who reckons many will listen to CBY once CBA is gone? (Neil Kazaross, IL/WI, ibid.)

** CHAD. RNT 6165. My registered letter sent in April (for $10.79!) was returned as "unclaimed" (Jim Renfrew, Clarendon NY, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No refund?

** COLOMBIA. QSL-card and CD for useful reports --- In 2007, to those listeners sending in particularly useful reports for La Voz de tu Conciencia and Marfil estÈreo, 6010 and 5910 kHz, there will be a QSL-card and a CD containing music and pictures from the transmitter site and studios of La Voz de tu Conciencia. Reports should be sent to the station c/o Colombia para Cristo, Calle 44 No. 13-67, Bogot·, Colombia, or to QSL manager Rafael RodrÌguez R., at Apartado AÈreo No. 67751, Bogot·, Colombia (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, Jan 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

La organizaciÛn Colombia para Cristo enviar· junto con su tarjeta QSL tambiÈn un interesante CD con m˙sica e im·genes de los estudios y las antenas de La Voz de tu Conciencia y Marfil estÈreo (6010 y 5910 kHz), a todos aquellos oyentes que les envÌen un reporte durante 2007 cuya "calidad de informaciÛn nos ayude a mejorar cada dÌa", seg˙n reza un mensaje firmado por el director, MartÌn Stendal, y el QSL-Manager, Rafael RodrÌguez. La direcciÛn postal adonde escribir es la siguiente: Colombia para Cristo (La Voz de tu Conciencia; Marfil estÈreo), Calle 44 No. 13-67, Bogot·, Colombia, o bien a/c de Rafael RodrÌguez, Apartado AÈreo No. 67751, Bogot·, Colombia (Henrik Klemetz, Suecia, Noticias DX via DXLD)

More than a year ago I received without requesting them, a DVD, ``Revolution of the Heart``, and a soft-cover book from Stendal, which I have been intending to review (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Any ideas as to what might constitute a "particularly useful report?" I'd like to be helpful AND receive a QSL card and CD, but what kind of information are they seeking? Thanks, (Jim Pogue, Memphis, TN USA, HCDX via DXLD)

I think they would like to know about reception conditions during different times of the day, perhaps even during a few consecutive days (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.)

Wonder what they consider "particularly useful reports?" I sent a report for a reception of Marfil EstÈreo to the first address last August 4, in Spanish, and with unused Colombian stamps for return postage, and as yet have not received any reply. Guess it wasn't "particularly useful," hi? (Alex Vranes, Jr., Harpers Ferry, WV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Alex, "Particularly useful" was my wording, not theirs, so you may put the blame on me for not being more explicit. I believe they are looking for reports indicating when the channel is reasonably clear, when you have QRM, at what time the station fades in and when it fades out.

As an occasional DX Manager for a few Latin American broadcasters I have seen plenty of "particularly useful" reports as well as report forms written on a scrap of paper, 1/3 of the size of an ordinary business envelope.

They usually go like this:

"I was tuned to your station on xxxx kHz at yyyy hours on xx/xx/xx. Program details: at xxxx orchestral music followed by station annct by man. SINPO 22222. Please send me your QSL".

These guys have spent 5 minutes listening to the station and another 5 minutes to fill out the report details.

With regard to La Voz de tu Conciencia/Marfil estÈreo, you seem to have had bad luck. There are lots and lots of DXers who have been receiving prompt replies to their QSL requests. See Martin Schoech¥s QSL list for instance (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, ibid.)

5910, Marfil Estereo, Lomalinda, 0905-0940, 07-01, bonito programa de canciones latinoamericanas, llaneras, rancheras, etc. identificaciÛn: "En su dial Marfil EstÈreo, ondas de paz", "Marfil EstÈreo, una

estaciÛn que cubre todo el Meta". 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Mr Henrik, I'm from Jakarta and it's true and impossible to hearing that station, but I want to know more about Colombia, could they send me one of the cd? My home-address is: Thanks for help. Regards : (Lim Kwet Hian, Jakarta, Indonesia, HCDX via DXLD)

Dear Lim Kwet Hian, I am a DX listener in Sweden, so I do not know if you may qualify for a CD by listening to the streaming audio of Garita Radio, which is part of this organization, but you could try and then send in your comments by ordinary mail to either of the two addresses mentioned. The audio is clear, the music pleasant, and there is a nice screen wallpaper to watch while you are listening, at http://www.garitaradio.com (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.)

La Voz de tu Conciencia 6010 and Marfil EstÈreo 5910 offer a CD to all who report reception to Calle 44 No. 13-67 or Apartado AÈreo 67751, Bogot·, DF, Colombia. Return postage not required but appreciated. The CD has pictures of antennas and transmitters in Lomalinda as well as a number of Colombian songs. I certainly enjoyed listening to the songs and watching the pictures (Christer Brunstrˆm, Sweden, Jan 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. DentroCuban Jamming Command goes wild, allowing pulsing to proceed on 6135, Jan 11 at 0641, almost 7 hours after its target, R. Rep˙blica, finished its 22-24 UT transmission via UK. Not total force, but at least one transmitter still going, bothering DW 6140 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. RHC, 9550, Jan 11 at 1408 was out of whack accompanied by big raspy buzz peaking 10 kHz or so each side of carrier. By 1429 nothing but the buzz could be heard on 9550 itself, and bothering the Korean language station on 9555. Also, at 1404 the frequency announcement erroneously included 9600 and excluded 12000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SPAIN [non]; VENEZUELA [non]

Turned on 9550 at 2255 UT to get the English service of RHC and hear DXers Unlimited. What I heard was Queen's song "We are the Champions". At 2300 there was no switch to English and various music was still being played. Examples were Cuban romance music and Madonna's "Material Girl" with male and female announcers. Sounded much like a Spanish Top 40 AM station. Out of curiosity, I checked the other frequencies that RHC is usually on at that time and found that what I was hearing was Radio Rebelde, usually only on 5025. Rebelde continued until about 2352 when the English service returned. Signal strength the whole time was 322/311. Regular English service started promptly

at 0100 on 6180. Program management still needs work as this kind of thing happens quite frequently. (Eton E5, longwire) (Steve Cross, Del City, OK, Jan 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9505, Radio Rebelde, Bauta, 1133-1153, 07-01, estupendo programa de canciones latinoamericanas de ayer, presentadas por locutor titulado "Memorias de Rebelde". 34333.

11655, Radio Rebelde, Bauta, 1241-1332, 07-01, programa "Memorias de Rebelde, canciones de ayer y de hoy, cada domingo entre las 6 y las 9 de la maÒana". Canciones de Antonio MachÌn. 34333.

12000, Radio Habana Cuba, 1345-1352, 07-01, programa DX "En Contacto", preentando por Manolo de la Rosa. Fin del programa a las 1350 horas. 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS TURKISH. Re 7-004 non non: I noted what must be a typo regarding the frequency of Radio Bayrak. Should certainly be 6150.04 vs. 6105.04 (Steve Lare, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Don`t you believe the frequency for R. Bayrak I mention in the tenth minute of this week`s WORLD OF RADIO 1343. There was a typo in the report and I failed to catch it: should be 6150.04, not 6105.04. Tnx to Steve Lare for outpointing this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [and non]. WORLD'S FIRST MISSIONARY BROADCASTING MINISTRY CHANGES NAME; HCJB WORLD RADIO BECOMES 'HCJB GLOBAL'
Contact: Alex Coffin, 704-364-2942, alexcoffin @ mindspring.com
http://www.christiannewswire.com/news/310361893.html

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 9 /Christian Newswire/ -- HCJB World Radio, the world's first missionary broadcasting ministry, which also has developed an international medical outreach, has changed its name to "HCJB Global," the organization announced recently.

The ministry also named its media ministries "HCJB Global Voice" and its healthcare ministries "HCJB Global Hands." "We feel as we move into the future and expand the incredible dynamic between media and healthcare, the HCJB World Radio name did not accurately portray this vision," said HCJB Global President David Johnson. "We will work to develop leaders and mobilize missionaries as we serve the world through HCJB Global Voice, our media arm, and HCJB Global Hands, our healthcare ministry."

At the same time, HCJB World Radio Engineering Center in Elkhart,

Ind., has become the HCJB Global Technology Center, focusing on the provision of quality assistance through consulting, service and engineering development wherever technological solutions play a role in the advance of the gospel.

The new names, along with new logos, were launched at Urbana 06 in St. Louis, Mo., in late December. HCJB Global will formalize the name change in a dedication event at the ministry's newly named Ministry Service Center in Colorado Springs later this month.

"This is a major change for our ministry, because it is far more than skin deep. Our new name reflects major changes in our vision and focus as we work to integrate media and healthcare ministry around the world," said Communications Director Jon Hirst. "As we moved toward the name change, we found that our friends and supporters wanted us to retain the call letters of our first station radio station --- HCJB --- that we established 75 years ago in Quito, Ecuador. In maintaining the name, we are honoring our heritage and building upon it."

For 75 years HCJB Global Voice has used shortwave radio, satellite, FM, AM, television and the Internet to deliver the gospel worldwide. For over 50 years HCJB Global Hands has been providing compassionate healthcare to those in the greatest need.

Since 1990 HCJB Global has enabled local partners to plant more than 300 radio ministries in 100 countries throughout Euro-Asia, North Africa/Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia Pacific and the Americas. HCJB Global's missionaries, pastors, broadcasters and healthcare providers use media, healthcare and training to work with partners in more than 100 countries around the world to spread the gospel. Lives are transformed, so that people are engaged in the growing church, making an impact on their communities as they are empowered to use media and healthcare tools. The ministry is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Its web site is http://www.hcjbglobal.org (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Mike Terry, Bournemouth, dxldyg via DXLD) +similar story from Mission Network News (via Bruce Atchison, AB, DXLD)

** ERITREA. 3 Jan at 1520 noted a station with educational program in English on 5100. At the end they announced a P.O. Box number, then a short announcement in local language and off at 1530 after a song. I told Mauno Ritola-FIN about this and we've been monitoring the frequency.

Next day reception was better 1500 onwards and we found out that they announce the address Adult Education and Media, Ministry of Education, P.O. Box 609, Asmara, Eritrea. Tel 125 546. And e-mail, that sounds like eriaduledradio @ yahoo.com which however doesn't work.

The actual name of the station is still unclear. It sounds like Radio Bama or Radio Bana. We've tried to contact numerous related and unrelated e-mail addresses in Eritrea to find out more, but nothing came back so far.

English can be heard on 5100 from around 1500 til s-off 1530 weekdays. The transmitter seems to be on the air earlier with some programming, but too weak to tell the language. Last Sunday (7 Jan) I think I heard them 1530-1630 but too much local noise to tell for sure.

Two other SW channels of Dimtsi Hafash (VOBME) 7100 and 7175 seem to be carrying their regular programming at that time. So this is additional transmitter. Possibly (I assume) the one which was used earlier to broadcast clanny VO Sudan on around 8000.

More info about this station is much appreciated (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, Jan 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Google reveals that "bana" means "dawn", and provides a link to a pdf-file which mentions this station (program) as "Bana Radio", but the actual article file is only available upon purchase:

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Since Eritrea became independent in 1993, efforts have been underway to revise and ... radio and TV and Supporting girls' education via bana radio) for the ...
http://taylorandfrancis.metapress.com/index/L72014V5J5714473.pdf
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This was the publication:

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  Designing the course and curricula for teacher development, open school and vocational education through media education in Eritrea
  Publication: Educational Media International
  Authors: C. S. H. N. Murthy
  Publisher: Routledge, part of the Taylor & Francis Group
  Issue: Volume 43, Number 2/June 2006
  Excerpt:

Since Eritrea became independent in 1993, efforts have been underway to revise and update the conventional education curriculum. With a determination to quickly bridge the growing knowledge gap between Eritrea and the rest of the world, the Eritrean Government has decided on media education as a ...
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73s, (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Bernd. Thanks for the info. That website was new to me, although I had been going thru several Eritrea related education pages. Yes, on some occasions they referred also to Bana Radio, but usually mentioning Radio Bana. Not much about this project in the internet, it seems. Yep, it is actually a radio program, not a new station. 5100 is at times really badly covered by ute stations, so usually no armchair listening :-) Thanks again for your help. 73, (Jari Savolainen, ibid.)

** EUROPE. 12257.00, 7 Jan at 0810, WR International, English, pops, ID, Sunshine, email, Box Eisenach, 24411 (Silveri Gomez, Fraga, Catalunya, R-2000, Ext. wire 15 mt, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GAB"N. 17630 ¡frica N∫ 1, 1240-1245, escuchada el 10 de Enero en francÈs a locutor con invitado, conversaciÛn, locutora con comentarios, templando a 17631 para intentar evitar a CRI en alem·n, SINPO 32342.

17630, ¡frica N∫ 1, 1408-1415, escuchada el 10 de Enero en francÈs a locutor con invitado en entrevista; no se escucha el servicio en inglÈs de CRI vÌa MalÌ, SINPO 35333.

??? 17650, NO ID, emisora jammer musical afro-pop, 1415 SINPO 45544.

19160, ¡frica N∫ 1, armÛnico de 9580, 1314-1316, escuchada el 10 de enero en francÈs; no se aprecia el zumbido de dÌas pasados, desde Valencia no se capta nada en 9580, SINPO 23242 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia) EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It`s back! The ANU harmonic on 19160 heard for the first time in weeks, Jan 10 at 1450, quite weak with generous S-meter fluxuating S6-S9. No buzz, talk in French. Not audible on fundamental 9580, but // 17630 which had crosstalk from second program, unseems CRI cochannel in this instance.

Afropop music distraxion was on 17650 at the moment, 1453, roughly equal signal to 17630, so they are no longer time-sharing one transmitter. Rechecked at 1528, 17630 had degraded to open carrier only with lite hum, traces of audio, perhaps the previous crosstalk by itself. 17650 went off at 1530:45. By 1532, 17630 was fading up French talk to near-audibility, but the carrier had stayed on across hourbottom.

I had left the FRG-7 tuned to 19160 in the morning, and when I turned it on again at 2221, there was the ANU harmonic, still propagating, and with better audio and signal at S9 + 12 dB than seven hours earlier; French talk now easy to // to 9580. No buzzes (Glenn Hauser,

OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. DW CLOSES DOWN NORTH AMERICAN MONITORING --- Glenn -- Here are excerpts from a letter I have just received from Silke Broeker, DW monitoring director, dated December 2006:

"As you already know, Deutsche Welle ceased transmitting its German-language program on analog shortwave on October 29th, 2006. It is a fact that already today the majority of the listeners in North America more listening to our German broadcasts at all, are using the Internet offer of DW-RADIO or direct satellite reception. This being as it is, the very cost-intensive transmission on analog shortwave was not paying-off any more, so DW decided to take this step.

"Unfortunately, this also means that where there is no target area, there is no need any more technical monitors. Therefore, I have to inform you today that my file of US-monitors will be closed as of January 1st, 2007. Thus, I now have to thank you very, very much for sending in your reports regularly for over 20 years....

"As for me personally, I will surely miss the contact with you.... "For now, it is THANK YOU again and GOOD-BYE. I wish you and your family all the best." (via David Cole -- Goodwell, OK, Jan 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. This evening Jan 10 no Deutschlandfunk on 6005 kHz at 0005, but China Radio Int. from Canada here in Milano, Italy. Germany off air. 73 (Giampiero Bernardini, HCDX via DXLD)

Yes, still OFF on Jan 10th, at 1100 UT. But \\ DLF program on 6190 kHz via same Berlin Britz site is still on air. So, seemingly a tx damage. 6005 Programm is not Deutschlandfunk, but DeutschlandRADIO, which is \\ 177 kHz longwave. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

Giampiero aus Italien vermisst den DLR auf 6005 kHz seit letzter Nacht. DLF 6190 ist hier aber auf Sendung, somit hat es wohl irgend einen Schaden an der 6005 Anlage. Gab es k¸rzlich ein Unwetter ¸ber Berlin? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, A-DX via Bernd Neumann, 10 Jan, ibid., via Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD)

N'Abend, laut DeutschlandradioKultur-Sendertechnik ist gestern Abend der Sender in Britz ausgefallen. Morgen kommt das Ersatzteil und der Sender soll wieder in Betrieb gehen. Viele Gr¸fle (Bernd, DL7VC, Neumann, A-DX via Ludwig, ibid.) Viz.:

Berlin 6005 kHz transmitter failure --- If not seen yet: The 6005 kHz transmitter of Deutschlandradio failed last night, they say 6005 will be put back on air tomorrow when an already ordered spare part is

expected to arrive, see the enclosed posting.

This failed transmitter is a Telefunken S4001 without the equipment for fast retuning. It sits in the main transmitter building of the Berlin-Britz site: http://freenet-homepage.de/macs/radio/britz60.jpg

The 6005 kHz antenna:
http://freenet-homepage.de/macs/radio/britz60.jpg
http://freenet-homepage.de/macs/radio/britz51.jpg
http://freenet-homepage.de/macs/radio/britz52.jpg

And the original shortwave facility from 1950, now on air on 6190; the transmitter sits in the building with the greened-out mercury vapor lamp, probably in the room with the vertically mounted fluorescent lamp which can be seen through the window:
http://freenet-homepage.de/macs/radio/britz40.jpg
http://freenet-homepage.de/macs/radio/britz41.jpg
http://freenet-homepage.de/macs/radio/britz42.jpg

More Britz pictures, also of the MW/FM masts (855, 990, 89.6):
http://www.senderfotos-bb.de/britz.htm
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Google Earth Imagery. Here are the coordinates of former RIAS Berlin 6005 kHz, now DLR 6005, and 6190 DLF Berlin site: 52 26 53 N, 13 25 52 E 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** GERMANY [and non]. Re 7-004, longwave: Sorry, of course not Morocco where a transmitter on 171 indeed exists (Medi 1, // 9575). Instead it's Libya, they registered 236 (now 234) with 1000 kW, site Jefren. And I now see that Israel helds a longwave allocation as well, for 500 kW day and 100 kW night on 281 (now 279). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Dear Demetri: For the North American transmission at 0000 UT to my area, the 7 MHz band holds up very well at 285 degrees. The 9 MHz. band usually fades out later at 9420, and the 12 MHz band never makes it here at 226 degrees. I guess that is the best that you can do with only 3 transmitters. Thank you, (John Babbis, Silver Spring MD, to Demetri Vafeas, ERT, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 15630, ERA 5 Athens Avlis. Foreign language service in En/Fr/Sp 0700-1000 UT. [updating previous item]

I checked the ERA Athens foreign service in 0700-1000 UT slot on Jan 8/9/10. Noted En 0700, Fr 0800, Sp 0900 UT news and magazine feature, like international news, local Greece weather report for tourists. Program of 60 minutes duration each.

Nx also at half hour xx.30 in En&Fr, but not in Spanish. I guess only local MW 665/666 and FM channel announced. Schedule and SW frequency given in Greek language on the transmission end at 09.59:30 UT.

15630 kHz channel selection in European winter season is far too high. 9935 or 11645 would be a better choice to serve all Europe. Athens should use the STATHMOS MAKEDONIAS antenna and 9935 kHz channel for better coverage. 15630 at 0700 UT skips over my head, poor S=5-7, some days full fade-in properly very late at about 0850 UT. But still fade down interruption occurs often even in the 0900-1000 UT portion, depending on propagation condition.

Transmission noted again bad audio feeder, which suffered by 20% Greek audio UNDERNEATH, or an audio mixture at Avlis Greece tx site occured?, of \\ Greek service, which is powerhouse on 9420 and 12105 kHz at same time.

At 0800-1200 (Tues only) usual maintenance BREAK, but varying, sometimes at 0830-1130 UT only.

Need further check on Saturday morning, whether ERA 5 En/Fr/Sp service scheduled 6 days a week.

Greek to Europe noted also on 7475 kHz til approx. 0600 UT, and 9420 & 12105[toAF] at 0600-1000 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 8/9/10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4052.5, Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0546-0600*, 07-01, progama en inglÈs, canciones religiosas, comentarios, identificaciÛn: "Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, Guatemala, Centralamerica", canciÛn de cierre y cierre a las 0600. 25432.

4780, Radio Cultural Coat·n, San Sebasti·n de Coat·n, Huehuetenango, 2323-0020, 06-01. Muy buena Època para escuchar esta emisora; estos dÌas se escucha como una de las m·s fuertes a esta hora en la banda de 60 metros. Locutor, vern·culo, comentarios, canciones, canciones religiosas en espaÒol. IdentificaciÛn a las 2349: "Radio Cultural Coat·n". 35433 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. 3340, La Voz de Misiones Internacionales, Comayag¸ela, 0546-0558*, 07-01, locutor y locutora, espaÒol, comentario religioso. Cierre a las 0558. SeÒal dÈbil. 24322 variando a 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HUNGARY [and non]. Over the last couple of nites, I've been hearing someone mixing it up on 5980 with an Arabic speaking station right around 01 UT, and finally got who was playing the IS. It's Budapest, and more often than not they're almost co-channel with what may be RT Marocaine. What a miserable choice of frequency. 73s (Mike KA3JZZ Agner, MD, Jan 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I reported last week that Budapest was on 5980 including English at 0200; here, it was atop Morocco (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mike, I totally agree. Checked R. Budapest January 11, 2007 0200 UT 5980 kHz. R. Budapest useless due to Morocco on same frequency. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, VA, ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL. I seem to have misplaced a web site. If I recall there was a site that listed all shortwave transmissions that could be sorted by time, frequency, or language. Could one of you refresh my memory as to where it may be? Thanks. Thirdly, I usually don't do this, but I have made a New Years resolution to get actively back on the SW bands and try to get as many QSL cards (verifications) from the SW stations this year as possible. With stations dropping like flies in winter, I should probably get them while the getting is good. Anyway, thanks for the help and I wish all of you great DX in the coming year (Bob Combs, New Mexico, USA, HCDX via DXLD)

I sorry don't have the info you're looking for regarding the Web site Bob, but I do support you on your resolution to energetically try to QSL all the SW stations you can. I am trying to do this at a semi-frenetic pace myself, and wish more of us were seeking QSLs too. I think it is sort of a supply-demand situation. If more listeners asked for QSLs, maybe the stations would reconsider sending them, and likewise not be so anxious to abandon the airwaves. Anyway, glad to have one more QSL hound among our thinning ranks. Please let me know if I can help in any way. 73s, (Jim Pogue, KH2AR/WPE9HLJ/KG6DX1A, Memphis, Tennessee USA, NRD-535, ICF-2010 Wellbrook LA5030 loop, attic longwire, Quantum phaser, ibid.)

[Maybe he was thinking of ILG, still suspended] Bob, Try this: http://www.eibi.de.vu/ Bob and Jim, may I respectfully suggest that this could backfire if not handled carefully. Several now defunct SW stations have made the excuse that no one was really interested in listening to their programs, just to get a QSL and move on. If you really want to help, once you get a QSL (or even if you do not!), keep in contact with the station and let them know you really remain a listener who values their output. Unless you don`t. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Excellent point Glenn. When I write to SW stations today that I have already verified, I sometimes mention the first time I heard and QSLed them ... many times this was in the 1960s or 70s. I hope they interpret this as loyal listenership on my part as opposed to just being a QSL junkie. As we all (hopefully) learned long ago, I also try to comment on the station's programming, especially if it is a positive comment or if there is a technical problem they should be aware of. Thanks for bringing this up, and thanks for all you bring to our hobby. Happy New Year. 73s, (Jim Pogue, ibid.)

Glenn. Thanks for the link. It isn't the one I had in mind (it was on my old hard drive when the last computer crashed), but will see how it works.

I find the QSL-ing and Listening part of the hobby, as I have been doing since 1965, to be a challenge at best. In the "olden" days, the QSL cards were freer, but still somewhat difficult to obtain from various stations (BBC for an example). QSLing IS the game, as the content of the programs of today are so anally boring, that I do my best just to listen to them for the 1/2 hour I need for the report. Occasionally there are interesting programs, but they are so far between, that is hurts! As you know, whether or not a station says it is quitting because of this or that, it is simply an excuse for the government money funding crunch hitting them, so QSL cards and listener interaction is the first thing to go.

As far as the US stations go, how can anyone sit and listen to the dribble coming out of the religious stations that claim to speak for us all in this country? I have tried many times to QSL some of these, but they just want the money and really could care less about the "listener". Many foreign stations never get the reports, as the postal systems in a vast percentage of the really good places are corrupt at best!

Now we have BPL, Plasma TV's, Wireless this and wireless that, which is making the reception of SW a thing of the past very rapidly. So, as I said in the beginning, get the cards while the getting is still good, as it is certainly just a matter of time before it WILL be a thing of the past (Bob Combs, New Mexico, ibid.) A hard-core QSLer

** KOREA NORTH. For the past few days including Jan 11 around 1430, 9665 only with noise, which I think rather than jamming is a maladjusted transmitter preventing us from hearing revolutionary choral music from the domestic service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non?]. 10 Jan at 1630 (sign-on) noted clandestine

station Voice of the Kurdistan Democratic Party on 3925.1 in Kurdish. At 1726 a Farsi program started. S-off around 1800. Strong signal and no jammers at all. This was reported earlier (by BBC Monitoring 5 Jan via DX Listening Digest) to be on air 0400-0430 on 3930 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What is the "true" name of this station? The BBC Monitoring item said that "it identified itself as the Voice of the Kurdistan Democratic Party", and stated that the station identification in Kurdish was "Erah Radyoy Dengi Kurdistana" and in Farsi "Im Radyo Seda-ye Kordestan-e". This would be "Radio Voice of Kurdistan" rather than "Voice of the Kurdistan Democratic Party". Maybe what BBC Monitoring meant was that the station name is "Radio Voice of Kurdistan", and that the station presented itself as the moucepeace of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, without having this station name? Does the station use "Voice of the Kurdistan Democratic Party" in the announcements, as ID or as additional slogan? 73s, (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, ibid.)

** KURDISTAN [non]. Having heard V. of Mesopotamia earlier on 11530, Jan 10 at 1538 I checked their 1500+ channel 7590. I could hear some broadcast there, but marred by much stronger RTTY centred around 7592-7593 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS. HAMFEST 2007, International convention on amateur radio operators at Kadamat, Lakshadweep Islands during 15-17 Jan,2007.

The National Institute of Amateur Radio organizes an International Hamfest with approximately 50 multinational and Indian Hams from #2 most wanted country Laksheedweep Islands VU7. The activity will take place starting 15th January 2007 from Agatti, Bangaram, Kadmat callsign VU7RG) and Minicoy Island (callsign VU7MY) and participants have been officially approved for amateur radio operations. This will be the first ever large scale DXpedition operation from VU7 including foreign operators, probably the biggest real DXpedition of all time. The callsign VU7RG & VU7MY will be used and reliable QSL managers from each ITU Region have been appointed to handle the QSL's in an efficient way.

Special callsign for Minicoy Island (AS-106) --- The minicoy operations will have special callsign VU7MY granted by WPC (Indian Govt.) and will be active from 15 to 31 January 2007. This will be an all Indian Amateur Radio operation station. More info in http://www.vu7.in

VU7RG /VU7MY Operating Frequencies

Site 1 (AS-011 VU7RG)

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 1820 - 1832 SSB
 3500 - 3520 CW
 3640 - 3670 SSB
 3725 - 3775 QSX
 7020 - 7030 CW
 7050 - 7060 SSB
 7225 - 7250 QSX
10100 - 10110 CW
14000 - 14015 CW
14070 - 14085 DIGI
14200 - 14230 SSB
14230         SSTV
14313 - 14331 SSB
18088 - 18098 CW
18158 - 18168 DIGI
18148 - 18158 SSB
21000 - 21015 CW
21070 - 21085 DIGI
21230 - 21260 SSB
24910 - 24920 CW
24976 - 24990 DIGI
24976 - 24990 SSB
28045 - 28060 CW
28070 - 28085 DIGI
28475 - 28500 SSB
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Site 2 (AS-011 VU7RG)

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 7010 - 7020 CW
 7070 - 7080 SSB
 7250 - 7275 QSX
10120 - 10130 CW
14030 - 14045 CW
14235 - 14265 SSB
14331 - 14350 SSB
18068 - 18078 CW
18128 - 18138 SSB
21030 - 21045 CW
21320 - 21350 SSB
24890 - 24900 CW
24940 - 24952 SSB
28015 - 28030 CW
28525 - 28550 SSB
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Site 3 (AS-011 VU7RG)

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 1832 - 1845 CW
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 1845 - 1860 SSB
 1905 - 1915 QSX
 3520 - 3540 CW
 3670 - 3700 SSB
 3775 - 3825 QSX
 7000 - 7010 CW
 7040 - 7050 DIGI
 7080 - 7090 SSB
 7175 - 7225 QSX
10130 - 10140 CW
10140 - 10150 DIGI
14015 - 14030 CW
14085 - 14100 DIGI
14150 - 14180 SSB
14233         SSTV
14295 - 14313 SSB
18078 - 18088 CW
18108 - 18118 DIGI
18118 - 18128 SSB
21015 - 21030 CW
21085 - 21100 DIGI
21290 - 21320 SSB
24900 - 24910 CW
24930 - 24940 DIGI
24964 - 24976 SSB
28000 - 28015 CW
28085 - 28100 DIGI
28500 - 28525 SSB
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Minicoy (AS-106 VU7MY)

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 7030 - 7040 CW
 7060 - 7070 SSB
10110 - 10120 CW
14045 - 14060 CW
14265 - 14295 SSB
18089 - 18108 CW
18138 - 18148 SSB
21045 - 21060 CW
21260 - 21290 SSB
24920 - 24930 CW
24952 - 24964 SSB
28030 - 28045 CW
28550 - 28575 SSB
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Regds (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** LATVIA. Heard on 9290, Ulbroka, at 0800-0900 UT 30 Dec, just before

R. Joystick from Germany started, there was a station called Radio SWH with the first programme ``Latvia Today, the weekly radio magazine from Riga`` (in English). It sounded like an official foreign-language service as they had interviews with the Latvian President and the minister of Culture a private station would surely not get [why not? gh]. I guess it`s each Saturday from now on; SIO 555 (Axel R^se, Germany, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

9290.00, Sat 6 Jan at 0815, Latvia Today, English, interview, pops, Amber working, 34443.

9290.00, Sat 6 Jan at 0900, R. Joystick, G, ID, jingle, dance, same as 30-12, 35443.

9290.00, 7 Jan at 0900, R. Caroline Eifel, German, English, Spy number stations special, Dj Roman, QTH Box, Eisenach, 45544 (Silveri GÛmez, Fraga, Catalunya, R-2000, Ext. wire 15 mt, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Really 9290.00 to two decimals? (gh, DXLD)

** LIBYA [non]. MOLDAVIA, 17650, Sawt al-Amal, 1215-1240, escuchada el 10 de enero en ·rabe, ID y comentarios; se aprecia de fondo emisora con m˙sica afro-pop, SINPO 54544.

17655, Sawt al-Amal, 1255-1310, escuchada el 10 de Enero en ·rabe a locutor con comentarios y m˙sica de flauta de fondo, quiz·s recitando un poema; cesa emisiÛn a las 1300 y reaparece un minuto despuÈs, sintonÌa, ID, canto del Cor`·n, SINPO 54554.

17665, Sawt al-Amal, 1345-1400, escuchada el 10 de enero en ·rabe a locutor con comentarios, SINPO 44444 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia) EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR, 5010, Radio Nasionaly Malagasy, 1850-1942, 06-01, locutora, comentarios, canciones y m˙sica de Madagascar, identificaciÛn: "Radio Madagasikara". 35433 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6010, Radio Mil, MÈxico DF, 0757-0910, 07-01, locutor, comentario sobre Ciudad de MÈxico, canciones, "Recorridos turÌsticos por MÈxico", canciÛn identificativa: "Radio Mil". A las 0859: "Y por hoy finaliza Buenos DÌas MÈxico. Nos escuchan de nuevo maÒana, gracias por acompaÒarnos en este recorrido maravilloso; les hablÛ Pepe Montano". 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also noticed R. Mil here around 1440 Jan 10 in the clear with some discussion show (gh, OK, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, Radio EducaciÛn, MÈxico DF, 0730-0815, 07-01, Muy buen programa de canciones latinoamericanas, solo interrumpidas a las 0750 para identificaciÛn: "Radio EducaciÛn, El Oasis del Cuadrante, 1060 AM". Canciones "BÈsame mucho", "Llorona" de Raphael, etc. TambiÈn alguna canciÛn en ingles. Buena seÒal hoy y sin interferencia. 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. RNZI, 9765, Jan 10 at 0700 with news, and a low het, which I had not noticed before 0700 or on previous occasions. What could it be? PWBR ``2007`` has HCJB in German to Europe, but that is obviously wrong, as we hear that inbooming on 9740, ascending from Low to High at 0700. The only other possibility appears to be Turkey-«akirlar, known for its off-frequency operation, now scheduled at 0700-0730 in Albanian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. VON, 7255, strange hi-pitched singing in tonal language accompanied by primitive plucked string instrument and some drumming. I might have placed it somewhere in S or E Asia, but this was the Hausa service from Nigeria; good signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTHERN MARIANAS. Another of those weird `pipeline` openings, Jan 10 at 0635-0642, as I found R. Free Asia in Mandarin in // on four frequencies, but deliberately slightly out of synch to even out power consumption: 15665, 15150, 13760 and 13625. These are all from Tinian, per EiBi; his readme.txt explains that MRA without the -s means Tinian: 0300 0700 USA Radio Free Asia M FE 15150/MRA 11980/RUS-i 13760/MRA 17615/MRA-s 15665/MRA 17880/MRA-s 13625/MRA

I believe I also checked 17 MHz, but those from Saipan were not propagating. The four lower frequencies had very good signals, and NO jamming audible, tho surely there was a lot as usual from China, which were simply not propagating either. Nor was there any sign of R. Australia, which usually has the 15 MHz band to itself at this hour on 15515, 15240, 15160. The only other signal on 15 MHz, barely audible, was 15255 in English, which per EiBi could only be Channel Africa. Another very odd thing: timesignals booming in on 15000, surely WWVH --- NO, it was WWV and no sign of WWVH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. PER⁄, 4955, recibida carta QSL de Radio Cultural Amauta, por coreo ordinario, datos completos: "Estimado Sr. Manuel MÈndez, le confirmo que la Radio que ha escuchado en fecha, hora y frecuencia

seÒalada es nuestra Radio". V/S Pelagio –aupa G·lvez, Administrador y sello de la emisora. Tardaron en contestar 2 aÒos. El informe de recepciÛn se enviÛ, junto a 1 US $ a la siguiente direcciÛn, y fue reclamado varias veces por e-mail:

Radio Cultural Amauta
Jr. Cahuide n∫ 278
Huanta, Ayacucho, Per˙

Junto a la carta QSL tambiÈn enviaron una tarjeta del Administrador y un calendario del aÒo 2007. En la carta, adem·s de confirmar el informe, dan algunos datos de la emisora:

"Nosotros trabajamos mayormente para la zona rural y/o el campo en el idioma Quechua. Transmitimos en Onda Corta Tropical y Frecuencia Modulada FM para la ciudad. Somos una emisora Cristiana EvangÈlica Educativa y Cultural; nuestro lema es "Al servicio de Dios y de la Patria.

ASOCIACI”N RADIO CULTURAL AMAUTA, fundada el 7 de Noviembre de 1960
DirecciÛn: JR. Cahuide No. 278 Huanta-Ayacucho-Per˙. Apartado 24
Telefax 066-322153, Cel. 9646836 RPM #286591
E-mail radioamauta @ hotmail.com ; radioamauta60 @ yahoo.es
OAX-5S 4955 KHz. Onda Corta / OBW-5K 99.9 MHz BC-FM" Esperamos seguir en contacto con usted. Atentamente, Pelagio –aupa G·lvez" (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Jan 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And a more recent log of it:

4955, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2314-2345, 06-01, locutor y locutora, comentarios en quechua y espaÒol, anuncios comerciales. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Only a weak carrier on 9525, no hum, perhaps Indonesia, allowing 9520 to be well heard, Jan 10 at 1435 with South Asian songs; unseemed religious, but finally IS and ID in English at 1457 as R. Veritas Asia, saying next broadcast would be in Filipino at 1500 on 9715; a bit of Copland`s Fanfare for the Common Man was cut off abruptly. By then, CRI musical prÈlude was underway on 9525 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. While clicking around I also found an announcement re. mediumwave transmissions of Sodruzhestvo:
http://ruvr.ru/main.php?lng=rus&e=120&p=
Gives a schedule 0900-1200 on 936 (Krasne/Ukraine) and 1400-1600 on 999 and 1548 (both Grigoriopol) effective from January 1st; are these transmissions really new? Also says in some way that they want to

extend the mediumwave transmissions in future.

Only 936 kHz has been on the air but today even that carries UR1. 999 and 1548 have been and are silent until 1600. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 12125: Again REE Noblejas with an intermodulation product here at 90 kHz spacing away of fundamentals 11945 / 12035 kHz in 0800-0855 UT slot, Jan 11. Not discovered on symmetrical 11855, due of CRI Cerrik ALB powerhouse in Chinese (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, Jan 11, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN [non]. Once again, REE via Costa Rica, 5965, was marred by another signal, strong open carrier with fast SAH of, I estimate, 15 to 20 Hz, making it almost an audible heterodyne, at 0647 Jan 11. Cuba is the suspect as RHC uses same frequency at other times (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. Once again this Wednesday, heard Sudan Radio Service on unlisted 9660, Jan 10 at 1444 with slow talk in English, but somewhat distorted typical of Moldova site, and lite echo.

Sudan Radio Service has been heard on two Wednesdays in a row during the 1400 hour on 9660, but no sign of it on Thursday Jan 11, further evidence that this is a Wednesday-only extension of the 15-18 UT broadcast on other frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. Enjoyed Jade Bells & Bamboo Pipes, traditional music show from RTI English to Europe via WYFR, 9355, Wednesday Jan 10 from 2233 opening past 2252 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 9865, Voice of Turkey, Ankara, 0220-0240, January 08, Spanish!!!! New transmission on air from January 01, Programa ``Viaje Azul`` about the country, Music, Program ``Tras un concurso``, local song, Identification: ``La Voz de Turquia``, 44444 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Re 7-004: Saludos cordiales querido amigo Glenn. Espero te encuentres muy bien. Querido amigo, muchas gracias siempre por las observaciones que haces a mis escuchas, en verdad las aprecio mucho. El comentario lo hice porque al cierre de la emisiÛn ellos dicen:

"Esta es La Voz de TurquÌa que transmite en banda de 31 mts en 9780`` y nombran algun lugar que no entiendo y luego dicen y ``en 9865 kHz para las AmÈricas.`` EntendÌ que estaban utilizando esas dos frecuencias. Por cierto las emisones en 9780 para las AmÈricas a las 1730 tambiÈn est·n entrando muy bien por Venezuela. Recibe un abrazo y seguimos en contacto (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, Venezuela, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

Gracias, JosÈ ElÌas; como creÌa, los turcos est·n confudidos por no aclarar que la una frecuencia es para las 1730 y la otra para 0200. Cierto que a las 1730 es para EspaÒa y no las AmÈricas, aunque llega. Probable que la emisiÛn de 1730 de media hora (øo menos?) se repite a las 02, ampliado a 20 minutos m·s. Si puedes captarla a las 02 igualmente en 9780, estoy equivocado. No figura asÌ en sus propios horarios publicados. 73, (Glenn to JEDG, via DXLD)

I listened to JE`s clip, which has somewhat distorted audio and an accent hard for me to follow. I couldn`t make out the first target area mentioned either; it may have been clipped out. At closing, they mention both frequencies 9780 and 9865, and slightly later say they will be tomorrow back at 19:30 hours Turkish time. Obviously this 0200 UT broadcast on 9865 is a playback of the earlier one to Europe, and they do not take the trouble to point out that 1730 is on one frequency, 0200 on another. However the 0200 is longer so it must have additional material in it (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 15350 from TRT «akirlar again uses that failure transmitter unit today. Noted distorted spurious splatter spectrum on 15313 to 15377 kHz channels (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, Jan 11, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** TURKMENISTAN. 5015, Turkmen Radio, Asgabat, 1820-1845, 06-01, Turkmen, canciones, musica y comentairos por locutor. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. TOMLINSON RESIGNS --- Announcement Regarding BBG Chairman Kenneth Y. Tomlinson

Broadcasting Board of Governors Chairman Kenneth Y. Tomlinson has asked President Bush not to put his name in nomination for another term. Tomlinson said he serves at the pleasure of the President and plans to remain in office until his successor is confirmed.

In a letter to President Bush dated January 9, Tomlinson said he is proud of his record of service and ``appreciated deeply your repeatedly submitting my name to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for reconfirmation to this position. However, I have concluded that it would be far more constructive to write a book about my experiences rather than to seek to continue government service.``

In the letter, Tomlinson cited the role he has played in launching Arabic-language satellite television across the Middle East, daily

Persian-language satellite television to Iran, expansion of radio and television to Afghanistan and significantly increasing radio and television transmissions to Cuba.

Tomlinsonís chairmanship of the BBG began in 2002. He previously served as Editor-In-Chief of Readerís Digest following a 28-year career with the magazine. In 1982, he was appointed by President Reagan and served two years as Director of Voice of America. He later served as a member of the Board for International Broadcasting (which supervised Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty) for eight years beginning in 1986.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors is an independent federal agency which supervises all U.S. government-supported, non-military international broadcasting, including The Voice of America (VOA); Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL); the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (Alhurra TV and Radio Sawa); Radio Free Asia (RFA); and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (Radio and TV MartÌ). Through its broadcast services, the BBG provides the United States and its leaders direct and immediate access to a worldwide audience of 140 million people. Current governors are Chairman Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Joaquin F. Blaya, Blanquita W. Cullum, D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, Edward E. Kaufman, Steven J. Simmons, and Mark McKinnon. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice serves as an ex officio member. For more information, contact Larry Hart at (202) 203-4545 or (202) 431-2611 (mobile).

Tomlinson Letter http://www.bbg.gov/Admin/uploads/KYT%20Letter-1.doc (BBG Press Release Jan 9 via DXLD)

I have trouble getting that to display, beyond the ``address redacted`` at the top! But his address is not redacted in this version, which doesn`t really add anything to the other reports: http://www.humanevents.com/downloads-pdfs/2007-01-09_Tomlinson_Letter.pdf (via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Andy Sennitt comments: This decision is hardly unexpected. At the end of August 2006, a State Department investigation found that Tomlinson misused government money on several occasions. The report found he improperly put a friend on the payroll, used his office to run a ``horse racing operation``, repeatedly used government employees to perform personal errands, and billed the government for more days of work than the rules permit. In a statement, Tomlinson said he believed the investigation results were ``inspired by partisan divisions inside the BBG``.

In 2005, Tomlinson was ousted from another post, at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after another inquiry found evidence that he had violated rules meant to insulate public television and radio from

political influence (Media Network blog via DXLD)

U.S. BROADCASTING CHIEF RESIGNS
The Associated Press Thursday, January 11, 2007; 6:36 AM
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/01/11/AR2007011100302_pf.html

WASHINGTON -- The chairman of the agency that directs U.S. overseas broadcasts has asked President Bush not to renominate him to the position, a move seen as largely a formality since his pending nomination was already stalled in the Senate and was unlikely to fare any better now that Democrats control the chamber.

Bush nominated Kenneth Y. Tomlinson to another term on the Broadcasting Board of Governors last Nov. 14, after the midterm elections, but that nomination has not been taken up by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that oversees the agency.

The board oversees Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, Radio and TV Marti, broadcasting initiatives in the Middle East and other nonmilitary U.S. broadcasting overseas.

The law that created the board in 1994 allows Tomlinson to remain as chairman until a successor is confirmed. In a letter to Bush dated Jan. 9 and posted on the board's Internet site, he asked the president not to resubmit his name and said he would serve until a successor is confirmed.

Tomlinson thanked Bush for "repeatedly submitting my name ... for reconfirmation to this position. However, I have concluded that it would be far more constructive to write a book about my experiences rather than to seek to continue government service."

A report by the State Department's inspector general, released Aug. 29, said Tomlinson misused government funds for two years as chairman of the board. Tomlinson disputed the allegations in the report.

The U.S. attorney's office in Washington concluded that a criminal investigation was not warranted, according to the State Department report. At the same time, the report said a civil investigation related to charges that he had hired a friend as a contractor was pending.

Tomlinson signed invoices worth about $245,000 for a friend without the knowledge of other board members or staff, used the board's office resources to support his private horse racing operation and overbilled the organization for his time, according to the report.

In late 2005, he was essentially ousted from the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting after charges he used the position to promoted conservative programming. Tomlinson said that public broadcasting shows were too liberal and that conservative views didn't receive equal treatment.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting directs federal dollars to the Public Broadcasting Service, National Public Radio and hundreds of public radio and television stations.

On the Net: Broadcasting Board of Governors: http://www.bbg.gov

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** U S A. Re 7-004: Dear Mr. Glenn Hauser, VOA Talk to America now hosted by Erin Klein not Fleming. Thank you very much. Best regards, (Md. Azizul Alam Al-Amin, Rajshahi, Bangladesh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA`s Classic Rock hour is one of the few big signals we can enjoy on the caradio between 21 and 22 UT, since 15580 is via Greenville during this hour only, aimed eastward toward Africa but obviously with a very large back lobe; listened for a while Jan 10 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. There may be some disruptions to WBCQ programming. Allan Weiner tells me Jan 10, that the Border Patrol has a new transmitter interfering with their 900-MHz-band internet link, RF wars continue, so WBCQ is without any Internet for a week or two, or more? until a satellite hookup can be installed. Programs now must be delivered to station by phone or CD, etc., including WORLD OF RADIO Wednesday at 2300 on 7415 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There was some hum on the 2300 feed, so did it over for the 2400 and weekend repeats (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. Caught another fragment of DXPL on WRMI, 7385, Wed Jan 10 at 1537 when Jeff White was talking about WRMI, something about an Optimod, which would certainly help intelligibility if one is to be installed. Notable this time was that 7385 had QRM from SSB in Spanish slightly on the hi side, maybe a semikilohertz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. ANOTHER TRY TO DEMOLISH WOR TOWERS JAN 11
NJ Radio Towers to Come Down
WNYC Newsroom, New York, NY, January 10, 2007
http://www.wnyc.org/news/articles/71754

Three giant radio towers that have been a fixture alongside the New Jersey Turnpike for decades are due to come down tomorrow. Police in

Lyndhurst approved the demolition, after halting a New York radio station from taking them down in September.

Police had cited safety concerns and the possibility some people might confuse the demolition with a terrorist attack. The 700-foot tall towers are owned by WOR and have been a landmark on the turnpike for more than 40 years. The station says the towers will come down at around 11 tomorrow morning, after one of the wires that anchors the structure is loosened.

The station's signal is now broadcast from a new set of towers and transmitter a half-mile north in Rutherford (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD) 700 feet = ``giant``. Then what is a 2000 foot tower? (gh)

Say, KFI could use one of those 700 ft tall towers, right? (Mike Westfall, NM, ABDX via DXLD)

Congratulations to Alex Roman - just a few years after coming to New York from California as chief engineer at WKTU (103.5 Lake Success), he's taking on one of the most prestigious engineering jobs in the city, replacing Kevin Plumb as chief engineer of WABC (770)/WPLJ (95.5).

We'll be looking forward to seeing Alex - and most of the rest of the New York engineering community - on Thursday morning, when WOR (710) tries again to take down its old three-tower array in Lyndhurst. An invitation-only viewing party will take place at WOR's new site a mile away in East Rutherford; we'll have pictures for you Thursday night on Tower Site of the Week, and maybe even some video, if we can make it all work right. Stay tuned! (Scott Fybush, NE Radio Watch Jan 8 via DXLD)

See also his 2006 year in review:
http://www.fybush.com/nerw-yir2006.html (gh)

** U S A. Artie, I may have missed something, but have not seen any press from you or anybody about whether WTPG has gone thru with the change? And what are its supporters doing now? (Glenn to Artie Bigley, OH, re WTPG 1230 dropping progressive talk/Air America, via DXLD)

Glenn, This is about it as far as print/tv media goes...
http://www.opednews.com/articles/genera_aldous_t_070109_the_fight_for_progre.htm
(Artie Bigley, Columbus OH, Jan 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Excerpt:

They planned a rally for the day before the format change, Monday, January 8th, that would be broadcast over the airwaves via the Stephanie Miller Show. Mary Jo Kilroy, the County Commissioner, and a number of others lined up to speak.

That morning, John Crenshaw of Clear Channel Columbus flipped the switch a day early so as not to broadcast the rally over Columbus' airwaves via the Progressive Talk station, which carried the Stephanie Miller Show. His excuse? "The Buckeyes are playing tonight, and we felt we should offer pre-game programming." As of this moment, if you call Clear Channel Columbus at 614-486-6101, they offer to take your name and number to be "called back" about the decision.

As of this writing, there are at least thirteen more markets that have either flipped from Progressive Talk recently, or are about to be. Knowing we can help reverse this trend, we have formed the NonStop Radio project. Based out of http://www.NonStopRadio.com . . .
(via DXLD)

** U S A. Air America Investor Loses $10 million --- only 1% of his net worth (Craig Seufert, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

HE WUZ ROB-BED --- FOR SEATTLE'S BIGGEST-SPENDING LIBERAL BENEFACTOR, BANKRUPT AIR AMERICA WAS A COSTLY FLYER. By Rick Anderson

Deep-pocketed political donor Rob Glaser undertook his biggest-ever political investment in 2004 when he handed over $10 million to prop up lefty talk-show network Air America Radio, giving him 36.7 percent ownership. But while the founder and CEO of Seattle-based RealNetworks Inc. successfully helped fund the 2006 Democratic revolt in Congress, he has been bloodied attempting a similar revolution in progressive talk radio. The network's challenge to Rush Limbaugh and other conservative talkers for the nation's hearts, minds, and ad revenues has ended up in bankruptcy, and Glaser, chair of the Air America board the past two years, faces millions in personal losses. . .
http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/0702/airglazer.php
(via Craig Seufert, DXLD)

** U S A. CNN CHIEF: AMERICANS GET ENOUGH WORLD NEWS

France 24, an all-English, all-world news channel, has planted its flag in American soil. So has al-Jazeera, though just barely. So is CNN thinking of finally expanding its second 24-hour channel, CNN International, to millions of American homes? I posed that question today to CNN Worldwide chief Jim Walton and his answers surprised me. Why CNNi won't be coming to your digital cable system, and why it matters, is the program for today's TV Barn Podcast.
Download TVBP3.mp3 (7:55)
http://blogs.kansascity.com/tvbarn/2007/01/cnn_chief_ameri.html
(via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. GABRIEL GOMEZ RADIO EL ESPECTADOR "Ayer Te OÌ" - Entrega

N∫ 3 --- "Ayer Te OÌ" - Entrega N∫ 3, Ciclo 2007 - Viernes 9 Enero 2007. [sic: Jan 9 was Tuesday, not Friday]

Comunicado: Radio El Espectador, 810 AM, dentro del Programa Otra Historia, conducido por Fernando Torrado y Eduardo Rivero, pondr· al aire la tercer entrega del Ciclo 2007, del espacio "Ayer Te OÌ", (Martes y Viernes 23.20 aprox. horario de Uruguay [= UT Wed & Sat 0120]) con la investigaciÛn y realizaciÛn del periodista Gabriel GÛmez.

El tema seleccionado; "La Radio con Fines TerapÈuticos" - LT 22 Radio La Colifata.

Puede escuchar El Espectador. por los 810 khz o en http://www.espectador.com.uy donde adem·s de escuchar la radio podr· verla mediante tres c·maras web ubicadas en el estudio de salida al aire.

El Espectador, la primera radio desde Abril de 1922, la primera radio en transmitir audio en vivo por internet en Uruguay y la primera y ˙nica radio en Uruguay en no solo ser oÌda sino tambiÈn vista mediante sus tres c·maras ubicadas en el estudio de salida al aire.

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Jan 9, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. Estimados Colegas Diexistas, °Feliz AÒo 2007! Es una l·stima que iniciemos los venezolanos este nuevo aÒo con esta triste noticia, como lo es el cierre de Radio Caracas TelevisiÛn.

RCTV m·s que un canal de televisiÛn, es una instituciÛn dentro de los medios televisivos de nuestro paÌs. Por ese canal han pasado innumerables talentos artÌsticos de Venezuela por muchos aÒos.

No me queda ninguna duda de que Ch·vez cerrar· el canal a partir de Marzo. Ya tambiÈn va apropiarse de Cantv, una de las empresas telefÛnicas m·s importantes de Venezuela.

Ch·vez lo que dice lo hace, asÌ lo ha hecho durante todos estos 8 aÒos en el poder. Ojal· en esta oportunidad la comunidad internacional se deje de hipocrecias gracias a los petrodÛlares de nuestro mayor recurso y que lo hace para comprar conciencias y voluntades. Hagan algo para frenar a este dictador disfrazado de demÛcrata. Reciban un fuerte abrazo y saludos (Jorge GarcÌa R., Venezuela, Noticias DX via

DXLD)

Historia de RCTV:
http://www.noticierodigital.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=151376
(via GarcÌa, ibid.)

** VENEZUELA [non]. CUBA, 17705, Radio Nacional de Venezuela, 2105-2115, escuchada el 9 de enero en espaÒol a locutor y locutora con boletÌn de noticias, SINPO 45343 (Ten-Tec RX 320 Newton, Massachusetts) (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia) EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RNV via Cuba, 17705, heard as usual until 2058* Jan 10, and did not come back after 2100, so I assume another report of this after 2100 was one hour off. Rechecked at 2225, 17705 had RHC with Spanish music, no announcements, but presumably Portuguese service, and 2230 into GuaranÌ but pronouncing 17705 in Spanish numbers (Did the GuaranÌ not have such numbers of their own?). At same time, 11705 was in RHC Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ARGELIA/CLANDESTINA, 1550, 0701*-0745, 07-01, programa en ·rabe, inicio de la transmisiÛn a las 0701 con c·nticos del Cor·n, canciones en ·rabe, locutor, comentarios. A las 0734 comentarios por locutora y m·s canciones. Buena seÒal. 44444. En paralelo con 6458.0 tambiÈn con buena seÒal. 45444 (Manuel MÈndez, Friol, EspaÒa, 7∫ 48' 05'' W, 43∫ 02' 05'' N, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINE, 6458, RADS, Radiodifusion Saharaui Arab Republic, 2220-2240, January 05, Arabic, long talk by male in Arabic, at 2230 news by male and other talk by male, 23432 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ARGELIA 6458 Radio Nacional Saharaui, 1910-1920, escuchada el 9 de Enero en ·rabe con emisiÛn de m˙sica folklÛrica local, locutora con cuÒa de ID, locutor con comentarios, SINPO 35343 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia) EspaÒa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RN de la RASD still on 6458, Jan 10 at 0706 check with solo singing, not Qur`an, which would have been nice to linger on, but poor mixed with ute. RN de la RASD, 6458, Jan 10 at 2237 with usual poor signal with digital ute QRM, but now also with some SSB QRM, I think in English, on 6459 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6458.00, 6 Jan at 0000, RN RASD, Ar, arab pops, 42222
6458.00, 6 Jan at 0810, RN RASD, Ar, press conference with translations, 34433 (Silveri GÛmez, Fraga, Catalunya, R-2000, Ext.

wire 15 mt, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) into Spanish?

** ZIMBABWE [and non]. SW Radio Africa, noted with severe jamming on 4880 during 17-19 UT transmission. This jamming seems more intense than before (Edwin Southwell, Hants., undated, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re UNID on 6108.9. ``12/19 heard talks in Spanish with fairly weak signal and het from something weak on 6110. Couldn't make out any details of speech, only that language was Spanish. Killed by *1059 R. Nederland IS, then Spanish programming, I believe via Bonaire. Excellent morning for Peruvians, also a couple of Bolivians coming in well, so possibly one of these two? No Latins listed on 6110 in either '06 WRTH or Eibi. Anyone have any ideas? (Alex Vranes, Jr., Harpers Ferry, WV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Also weak carrier here 1/11 1010 UT. Anyone else hearing this/have any ideas who it is? (Alex Vranes, Jr., Harpers Ferry, WV, ibid.)

Could be a spur of some bigger signal on 49m; check for // (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re DXLD 7-004 item, I checked 10 Jan at 1045 6165. Under Croatia I can hear a station with male and female chatting and playing light music. But I assume the language was Chinese and program style like CNR. I had a brief check for parallels on various bands, but found none. TOH id was ruined by R Netherlands. Got to check this one again earlier. 73 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I thought I'd drop you a short note to let you know something else about the unID on 6165. When I tuned in to 6165 this morning at 1000, the target signal was buried in the splatter on 6165. However, I have been sitting on the frequency for the last 36 minutes and the signal continues to improve to a point where it's at a fair to good level right now (1038 UT).

The point I am trying to make is that the Grayline has been sliding towards Vietnam during the last 36 minutes and towards Clewiston Florida here in the USA. I have been watching it using the GeoClock freeware program I got off of the internet.

As the signal improved on 6165, I tuned my receiver to 5035 and checked to see if there was a parallel there, and although there was a signal there, it wasn't parallel to 6165.

Finally, at 1046 Radio Nederland comes up on 6165 blocking the target signal. So with the signal improving as the grayline crossed Vietnam and almost over Clewiston (within an hour) at the other end, there's a

strong possibility that the signal on 6165 is Vietnam, or maybe Singapore, or one of those countries in the area but not China? (Chuck Bolland, FL, Jan 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15620, 2-way SSB, Jan 10 at 1502 and still going at 1527. Seemingly Spanish but I could only understand a word here and there; some continuous background noise from one of the communicants, presumably engine, more likely aircraft than seacraft; mentioned ``kilos`` at 1510. Good signals and clear of broadcast QRM.

The 2-way Spanish SSB on 15620 heard earlier Jan 10 at 1502-1527 was still, or again going with good signal when tuning by at 2226; same voices and engine background noise. Must be a long drug-smuggling flight. If really something illegal, should have given narx plenty of time to DF the signal; are they listening? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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SOMETHING IN THE AIR

Since the DX season seems a little slow, you might pass the time with a great book. Check out "Something In The Air" by Marc Fisher, a very readable history of pop radio that includes much about Storz, McClendon, Hal Jackson and the fearless leader of the 'night people' Jean Shepard among many others. (Alan Furst, Round Rock TX, ABDX via DXLD)

OK, but I disagree with your premise, that 1) There is a ``DX Season`` and 2) that it is ``slow``. Look how much news accumulates every day or two in DXLD (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THE TINY TRAP [non]
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PBS show ``Science Investigators``, UT Jan 11 at 0000 in a report about frogs dying off, referred more than once to Long Island as ``the largest island in the US``. Can this be true? NO. It does appear to be the largest island in the first 48 states, but there are numerous Alaskan islands which are larger, as well as the Big Island of Hawaii. Let`s hope the rest of their science is more accurate (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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FAA SAYS REMOVE AM/FM RADIOS - CONTROLLERS [CANNOT!] TUNE IN FOR TORNADO WARNINGS

January 09, 2007, By Michael Sangiacomo, Plain Dealer Reporter
http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/news/116833579448420.xml&coll=2

The air traffic controllers at Florida's Daytona Beach International Airport tower knew they were in trouble Dec. 28 when their windows bulged and shook during a heavy thunderstorm. It was too dark for them to see that a tornado came within 150 yards of the tower.

The controllers say they would have known about the tornado if the Federal Aviation Administration had not removed a basic tool - a simple AM/FM radio - from all air traffic control facilities just months before.

"Without any way to hear about the tornado warning that was issued for the area, two controllers remained at their posts in the tower cab," said Doug Church, spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. "They noticed the large, thick windows surrounding them start to move eerily in and out, the building shuddered and they heard a low, moaning sound."

The tornado carved a destructive path through the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University near the tower, damaging planes and buildings. No one was injured at the tower.

Controllers argue the removal of radios is dangerous and unnecessary - and is only the result of tension between the union and management. The FAA ordered air traffic control managers nationwide to remove all radios, televisions, cell phones and similar devices on Sept. 3. Managers then told the employees to take them home.

"The FAA removed the radios to punish controllers," said NATCA Executive Vice President Paul Rinaldi. "But it's turning out to be a fateful decision that has serious, life or death consequences that clearly the agency foolishly overlooked."

FAA Great Lakes Region Spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said the radios were distractions. She said the controllers have "at their fingertips vastly superior" tools such as Doppler radar and direct feeds from the National Weather Service.

At Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, for example, controllers get weather information through, among other things, phones, the Internet (including the National Weather Service's Web site), and Doppler radar, Cory said.

"We want our controllers to be focused on the safe separation of aircraft," she said. "Radios and televisions are allowed in the controller break area, which is close to the work environment."

But NATCA National President Pat Forrey said Cory is wrong about information controllers can get in the tower.

"No tool available to controllers can detect a tornado within a thunderstorm," said Forrey, of Avon Lake. "Controllers must have a weather radio or access to the Emergency Broadcast System to get the latest weather bulletins."

"I can't believe we're arguing about this," Forrey said. "Ninety-eight percent of the towers had a radio playing background music for decades because radios broadcast weather alerts for tornadoes in the immediate area. The information we get on our radar scopes indicates precipitation, wind speed and other readings, but does not warn us when a tornado is heading at us. What the FAA did is dangerous and pointless." The union says there is little it can do.

FAA Southern Region Spokeswoman Kathleen Berger said weather-only radios have been installed at Daytona Beach, but Church said the ban remains in place at most other air traffic control towers (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

U.S. WARNS ABOUT CANADIAN SPY COINS
By TED BRIDIS, Associated Press Writer Thu Jan 11, 4:16 AM ET

WASHINGTON - Money talks, but can it also follow your movements? In a U.S. government warning high on the creepiness scale, the Defense Department cautioned its American contractors over what it described as a new espionage threat: Canadian coins with tiny radio frequency transmitters hidden inside. The government said the mysterious coins were found planted on U.S. contractors with classified security clearances on at least three separate occasions between October 2005 and January 2006 as the contractors traveled through Canada. . . http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070111/ap_on_hi_te/spy_coins (via Terry Krueger, DXLD) WTFK?

FCC PRESSES TWO UTILITIES TO RESOLVE POWER LINE NOISE COMPLAINTS

NEWINGTON, CT, Jan 8, 2007 -- The FCC has asked utilities in Oklahoma and Illinois to try harder to resolve longstanding power line noise complaints from Amateur Radio licensees. Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth recently contacted Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) Company and Exelon Corporation (ComEd) in Chicago to follow up on the unrelated cases.

"In your response on behalf of Oklahoma Gas and Electric, dated January 30, 2006, you indicated that you were responding to [the radio amateur's] complaints," Hollingsworth wrote Oklahoma Gas and Electric's Senior Attorney Patrick D. Shore. "However, [the complainant] states that the power line hardware noise continues."

Hollingsworth customarily does not identify RFI complainants in public correspondence, but the Oklahoma radio amateur involved -- ARRL Member Hal Dietz, W5GHZ, of Bethany -- agreed to let the League make his name public. Dietz has sought the ARRL's assistance in resolving the problem. The League has been working with the FCC for several years to address power line noise complaints from Amateur Radio licensees.

Dietz says the power line noise he's experiencing on occasion has approached 20 dB over S9 on some bands, but it's typically between S5 to S9. "I experience line noise interference on frequencies as high as 444.100 MHz -- a local repeater that I monitor -- and on all TV channels through 14," he reports. "The interference is not present on all bands at all times, but it is present on one or more bands all of the time, except when it's raining."

An OG&E has representative visited Dietz but was unable to pin down the interference source. Dietz said the technician came equipped with a log-periodic dipole array (LPDA) to locate line noise interference. "I have also offered to go with them when they are trying to locate the interference, but they have declined my help," he added.

On December 8, Hollingsworth wrote John W. Rowe, chairman and CEO of Exelon Corporation, the parent company of utility ComEd.

"We have reviewed your letter dated July 10, 2006, in which you state that you have not been able to locate the source of radio interference because the noise as reported by [the complainant] is intermittent. [The complainant] disputes that claim, however, stating that the noise is constant and that the only time that it is not present is during a heavy rain."

The Amateur Radio licensee experiencing the interference has told the ARRL that the noise from ComEd's equipment is nearly always present and 60 dB over S9 on 160 meters, wet weather excepted. Adding to the mix, the ham recounted last fall, is new noise from a neighbor's Part 15 electronic device. ARRL Electromagnetic Compatibility Engineer Mike Gruber, W1MG, says the complainant for several months has been reporting persistent noise from 160 to 6 meters from ComEd's system and can even hear it on his car's broadcast radio.

Hollingsworth advised both utilities to review the radio amateurs'

complaints and advise his office regarding steps being taken to locate and remediate the RFI (via Bill Smith, W0WOI, DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING
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SSB AND DRM

Years ago, several international broadcast stations, including Radio Havana Cuba started to test single side band reduced carrier transmissions for broadcasting, as the number of SSB capable receivers, even small portables, started to increase.

Results of the feedback from "qualified" listeners were very interesting, with most of them preferring the use of a "pilot carrier" to properly set their BFO to zero beat. I personally handled those SSB tests at RHC, and as the SSB generator was very well engineered, and the transmitters used were very linear, I ran the pilot carrier level at 12.5 percent and 25 percent power, with an excellent suppression of the lower side band.

Results proved, without doubt that with a 10 kW PEP transmitter, reception was even better than that achieved when using a conventional 100 KW standard AM plate modulated transmitter.

I even switched "on the air" from the 10 KW PEP to the 100 kW AM, and back to get a feel of the difference, and sure enough, it is worthwhile to use SSB for short wave broadcasting of VOICE, but the same expert listeners told me that music required a very careful setting of the BFO frequency or otherwise it was annoying to listen to music "off tune" when the BFO were just a few tens of cycles away from the required zero beat.

Maybe if DRM receivers were available now as the SSB sets were 15 years ago, we could run similar tests. At this moment I am beginning tests with the non-broadcast quality WinDRM software that uses 96 carriers, and it seems to be quite good for voice broadcasts, and the equipment required for its transmission doesn't require to be of such extraordinary linear characteristics as the DRM for short wave broadcasting needs to be.

As the WinDRM software is freeware, maybe some tests could be run on the air, after proper consultations regarding licensing etc. are made. Anyone around for the "other side" of the tennis court? A not so sophisticated computer seems to run the WinDRM very well indeed, for both transmission and reception, after some time of tweaking with the hardware-software combination. 73 and DX (Arnie Coro, CO2KK, Host of Dxers Unlimited, RHC, HCDX via DXLD)

IBOC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ST. LOUIS MARRKET

Eric Bueneman (N0UIH), 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042-1347: More bad news on the digital front, as KFUO 850 returned to digital operations again just before Christmas. The station's analog-only operation allowed me to hear KOTC 830 and sunset DX on 840 and 860. The station has been without digital service twice this year; both times for two weeks at a time. This demonstrates the poor quality of iBiquity's customer support. Clear Channel-owned KATZ 1600 went digital in mid- December; coverage has been reduced as a result. Along I-270 near Granite City, IL, the digital sidebands make WBGZ 1570 nearly inaudible; it's totally inaudible in the area near their transmitter site in Madison, IL. At my QTH, I can null out the station about one hour before sunset to pull in DX (mainly KRVA and WCGO); weak signals can be pulled through the sidebands on 1590 before sunset. KATZ is the fourth AM station in St. Louis to switch to the unproven "HD Radio".

The allowance of AM stations broadcasting in "HD" to keep their digital equipment on until 1800 local time is absolutely ridiculous; it brings about interference to adjacent channel stations. During the day, the interference close to the transmitter sites extends all the way to the fourth adjacent channels; I get interference up to the second and third adjacents from the digital sidebands of KFUO 850 and KMOX 1120, to the second adjacents from the sidebands of WSDZ 1260 and KATZ 1600. Digital sideband interference from WSDZ 1260 may have been a factor in KYRO 1280 Potosi, MO pulling the plug. On the FM side, there are just three analog-only commercial FM stations left: KFUO-FM 99.1, KEZK 102.5 and WHHL 104.1. KSHE 94.7, WFUN-FM 95.5 and KIHT 96.3 flipped to the spectrally inefficient technology in December; KLOU 103.3 and KSLZ 107.7 did so in November 2006.

By contrast, only one non-commercial station (KWMU 90.7) has gone to low-def digital. When the stations were analog- only, the Stereo separation was infinite. With the digital signal, FM Stereo separation is reduced to no more than 10 dB. "HD Radio" simply cannot deliver what it promises! While the broadcasters are saying positive things about the "rollout" of this unproven and spectrally inefficient technology, consumers have been skeptical. I would never buy an "HD" radio under any circumstances because of reduced signal coverage, the inability of digital radio signals to get through tall buildings, and sound quality that's worse than the worst-engineered AM radio stations.

Canada's introduction of digital radio has been slowed because most of the stations, which operate on 1452-1492 MHz (which the U.S. defense establishment is occupying in violation of international regulations),

simulcast AM and FM stations. If they had offered programming separate from AM and FM, DAB would be more successful. There are only a handful of standalone DAB stations in Canada. The NAB has shown a very anti-competitive attitude by opposing new spectrum for digital radio; portions of the UHF Channel 52-69 spectrum being abandoned by broadcast television, in addition to the spectrum Canada is using for DAB, would be better suited to digital radio than AM or FM frequencies. 73 and good DX from (Eric (N0UIH) Bueneman, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 13 via DXLD) ###